

IN THE CLAIMS

1 (Currently Amended). A method comprising:

displaying a communications interface in association with a window, said interface including an icon representing a potential object recipient; and

~~enabling an object to be transferred to said recipient by dragging and dropping a representation of said object to said icon.~~ a user interface in the form of a sticky note to be

annotated in order to pass a note to an intended recipient; and

enabling said note interface to be transferred to said recipient by dragging-and-dropping said note to said icon.

2 (Original). The method of claim 1 including providing an icon for each of a plurality of users and enabling communications through said communications interface between said users.

3 (Original). The method of claim 2 including providing a home interface for said users and enabling communications between said users and said home interface using said communications interface.

4 (Original). The method of claim 3 including providing access on a password protected basis to said interfaces associated with said users.

5 (Original). The method of claim 1 further including producing a thumbnail depiction of an object when said object is mouse clicked on.

6 (Original). The method of claim 5 including attaching a depiction of said object to a cursor so that said depiction moves as said cursor moves.

Claims 7-9 (Canceled).

10 (Original). The method of claim 1 including providing a first interface where objects are persistently stored after being transferred from the first interface and a second interface where objects are automatically discarded after being transferred from the second interface.

11 (Currently Amended). An article comprising a medium storing instructions that, if executed, enable a processor-based system to:

display a communications interface in association with a window, said interface including an icon representing a potential object recipient; ~~and~~

enable a user to prepare a note on a user interface having the appearance of a sticky note; and

enable ~~an object~~ said interface including said note to be transferred to said recipient by dragging-and-dropping ~~a representation of said object~~ said interface to said icon.

12 (Original). The article of claim 11 further storing instructions that enable the processor-based system to provide an interface for each of a plurality of users to enable communications through said communication interface between said users.

13 (Original). The article of claim 12 further storing instructions that enable the processor-based system to provide a home interface for said users that enables communications between said users and said home interface using said communications interface.

14 (Original). The article of claim 12 further storing instructions that enable the processor-based system to provide access on a password protected basis to said interfaces associated with said users.

15 (Original). The article of claim 11 further storing instructions that enable the processor-based system to produce a thumbnail depiction of an object when said object is mouse clicked on.

16 (Original). The article of claim 15 further storing instructions that enable the processor-based system to attach said depiction to a cursor so that said depiction moves as the cursor moves.

Claims 17-19 (Canceled).

20 (Original). The article of claim 11 to provide a first interface where objects are persistently stored after being transferred from the first interface and a second interface where objects are automatically discarded after being transferred from the second interface.

A 21 (Currently Amended). A system comprising:
a processor; and
a storage coupled to said processor, said storage storing instructions that, if executed, enable said processor to display a communications interface in association with a window, said interface including an icon representing a potential object recipient; and
enable ~~an object to be transferred to said~~ a user to prepare a note on a user interface having the appearance of a sticky note and to transfer said note to the recipient by dragging-and-dropping a representation of said object said note to said icon.

22 (Original). The system of claim 21 including a display and a mouse coupled to said processor.

23 (Original). The system of claim 22 wherein the storage stores instructions that enable the processor to provide an interface for each of a plurality of users to enable communication through said communication interface between users.

24 (Original). The system of claim 23 wherein said storage stores instructions that enable the processor to facilitate communications between users of the same system.

25 (Original). The system of claim 23 wherein said storage stores instructions that enable the processor to provide a home interface for said users and enables communications between said users and said home interface using said communications interface.

26 (Original). The system of claim 22 wherein said storage stores instructions that enable the processor to automatically produce a thumbnail depiction of an object when said object is mouse clicked on.

A1 27 (Original). The system of claim 26 wherein said depiction of said object is automatically linked to said cursor so that said depiction moves as the cursor moves.

28 (Original). The system of claim 21 wherein said storage stores instructions that enable the processor to provide a first interface where objects are persistently stored after being transferred from the first interface and a second interface where objects are automatically discarded after being transferred from the second interface.

29 (Currently Amended). A graphical user interface comprising:
an icon representing a potential object recipient; and
a user interface having the appearance of a sticky note such that the user can
provide notes on said sticky note; and
said interface being a representation of an object transferable to said recipient by
dragging-and-dropping said note ~~representation~~ to said icon.

30 (Original). The graphical user interface of claim 29 including a plurality of icons representing a plurality of potential recipients.